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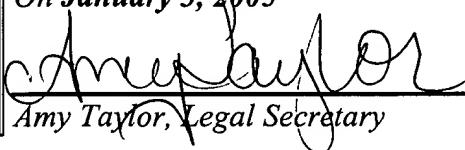
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

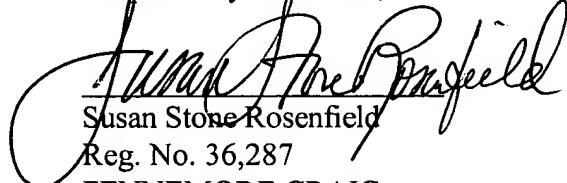
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action dated July 2, 2004, thereby extending the reply due date to January 3, 2005. Enclosed is a check for payment in the amount of \$1,020.00 for the extension fee required by 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any deficiency in this fee from Deposit Account No. 060590.

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